

Habitat Project Proposal

Proposal Title: Morris Ranch

Proposal Number: 1214

DWR Region: Northern Region

Lead Agency: NRCS

County: Box Elder

Project Manager: Ron Greer

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Regional Priority: Within Focus Area

Project Type: Terrestrial Habitat

Proposed Start Date: 08/01/2008

Project Location: Dove Creek, Utah

Project Description: Thinning of Junipers and reseedling of 1200 acres

Description of Problem/Need: Due to juniper encroachment, the area has become overrun with juniper. The understory is very sparse and wildlife value is at a minimum. By removing the juniper, wildlife value can be increased tremendously.

Objectives: restore mule deer and sage grouse habitat.

Relevance to Strategic Plans: This project will help meet the needs of the WAP in regards to mule deer and sage grouse habitat. It will also help fulfill requirements of the Box Elder Local working group (BARM) and the local fire plan by reducing fire danger in the area by reducing fuels.

Potential Risks: increased fire danger and loss of mule deer habitat.

Proposed Methods: Using an eely chain, a mosaic of junipers will be removed, with the chained portion totaling approximately 1200 acres. This area will then be seeded using aerial seeding or drilling.

Shapefile Name: HPD 2009/Morris_Ranch_Doizing.shp

Seed Source: GBRC

UPCD Reg Team Coord Date:

**Proposed
NEPA Action:**

**Proposed
Arch Action:**

☐ **Vegetation Monitoring** ☐ **Wildlife Monitoring**

Monitoring Details:

**Cons. Outreach
Details:**

SPECIES BENEFITING

Sage Sparrow

Greater Sage-grouse

Mule Deer

Raptors

LAND OWNERSHIP

Owner	Acres
Private	1200
Total	1200

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PROPOSED FUNDING

Source	Amount Requested	Date Approved	Amount Approved
DNR Watershed (FY09)	\$60,000.00		\$0.00
WHIP	\$96,000.00		\$0.00
Totals	\$156,000.00		\$0.00

PROPOSED BUDGET

Item	Description	DWR Account	In Kind/ Partner Contrib.
Contractual Services	chaining of 1200 acres	\$0.00	\$84,000.00
Contractual Services	aerial seeding of 1000	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Contractual Services	drilling of seed, 200 acres	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Seed (GBRC)	seed for 1200 acres	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Totals		\$60,000.00	\$96,000.00

Project Map:

